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# CONSTITUTION*

## Article I—Name and Object

1. The name of this Association shall be the American Association of University Professors.

2. Its objects shall be to facilitate a more effective co-operation among teachers and investigators in universities and colleges and in professional schools of similar grade for the promotion of the interests of higher education and research, and in general to increase the usefulness and advance the standards and ideals of the profession.

## Article II—Membership

1. Any university or college teacher or investigator of recognized scholarship or scientific productivity who holds and for ten years has held a position of teaching or research in an American university or college, or in a professional school of similar grade, may be nominated for membership in the Association.

2. No person whose principal occupation is not that of education or research and no administrative officer who does not give a substantial amount of instruction shall be eligible for membership.

3. Any person who has been appointed to a full professorship after at least five years of active practice in the same field of learning and who has held such professorship for at least five years, and who in other respects fulfils the requirements of the first section of this article, may be nominated for membership in the Association.

## Article III—Officers

1. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and thirty members of the Council.

2. The President and Vice-President shall be elected by a majority vote of those present and voting at each annual meeting.

3. A Secretary and a Treasurer shall be elected by a majority vote of those present and voting at the first meeting of the Association and shall hold office for three years, when their successors shall be in like manner elected.

* Including changes adopted at the Chicago meeting, December, 1917.

4. Thirty members of the Council shall be elected by a plurality vote at the first meeting of the Association; and lots shall then be drawn to determine which ten of those elected shall hold office for one, for two and for three years respectively. At each annual meeting thereafter ten members of the Council shall be elected for three years by a majority vote of those present and voting.

Ex-presidents of the Association shall be members of the Council *ex officio* for the five years next succeeding their terms of office.

5. The President, Vice-President and members of the Council shall not be immediately eligible for re-election upon the expiration of their terms.

## Article IV—Election of Members

1. There shall be a Committee on Admissions, the number and mode of appointment of which shall be determined by the Council.

2. Nominations for membership may be made to the Secretary of the Association by any three members of the Association.

3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to publish every nomination in the next following issue of the Bulletin of the Association, and to transmit it to the Committee on Admissions.

4. All persons receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Committee on Admissions shall become members of the Association upon payment of the annual dues. No nomination shall be voted on, however, within sixty days after its publication in the Bulletin.

## Article V—The Council

1. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be members of the Council *ex officio* and the President shall act as its chairman.

2. The Council shall make all arrangements for the annual meeting, sending a copy of the program at least one month in advance to every member of the Association.

3. The Council shall present a written report to the Association at the annual meeting, sending a copy at least one month in advance to every member of the Association.

4. The Council may appoint committees to investigate and report upon subjects germane to the purposes of the Association.

## Article VI—By-Laws

By-Laws may be adopted at any annual meeting of the Association.

## Article VII—Dues

Each member shall pay two dollars to the Treasurer as annual dues, and no member who is in default shall be qualified to exercise any privilege of membership.

Article VIII—Honorary members: Termination of Membership.

1. A member who becomes disqualified for active membership by becoming professor emeritus or by assuming duties wholly or mainly administrative may be elected by the Council to honorary membership.

2. Any other member who becomes ineligible by discontinuance of teaching or research may retain membership for not more than two years thereafter.

3. Non-payment of dues by an active member for two years shall terminate membership, but in such case a member may be reinstated by the Council on payment of arrears within one year thereafter.

4. Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of dues. They shall have the privilege of being present and speaking, but not of voting, at annual meetings.

## Article IX—Amendments

1. The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at any annual meeting; provided that written notice of any proposed amendment shall be sent to the Secretary by five members of the Association not later than two months before the annual meeting.

2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to send a copy of all amendments thus proposed to the members of the Association at least one month before the annual meeting.

## Article X—Annual Meeting

The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as the Council may select, and those present shall constitute a quorum.

## BY-LAWS

1. *Nomination for Office.*—At each annual meeting the President shall appoint a committee of five, not members of the Council or other officers of the Association, to present nominations for the offices to be filled at the next annual meeting. These nominations shall be mailed by the Secretary to all members of the Association not later than one month before the meeting at which they are to be voted upon; and blanks shall be provided upon which additional nominations may be made. At the annual meeting, the nominations of the committee and any other nominations proposed in writing by ten or more members of the Association shall be voted upon by ballot by those present at the annual meeting. No proxies shall be allowed.

2. *Council Meetings.*—A special meeting of the Council shall be called by the President on the written request of at least eight members of the Council, and notice of such meeting shall be mailed to every member two weeks in advance.

3. *Local Branches.*—Local branches may be organized by seven or more members of the Association either in institutions or in regional groups of institutions, for such purposes not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws as such branches may determine.